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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 5, 2004, in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired):

	a)(1) - Extension	within first	month
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37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month

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